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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: POSSIBLE VIOLATION INPFC TREATY

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1. ASO MARU ARRIVED KODIAK IN CUSTODY JULY 14. VESSEL
70 LOADED WITH ABOUT 1430 TONS FISH. JFA PATROL VESSEL
HAKURYU MARU UNDERSTOOD TO BE ARRIVING KODIAK JULY 17.

2. IN VIEW LARGE QUANTITY OF CATCH TO BE INSPECTED
MASTER OF ASO MARU AND USCG AND NMFS ALL BELIEVE DETAILED
INSPECTION CAN BE BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY TRANSFER IN KODIAK
OF ASO MARU CATCH TO JAPANESE CARGO VESSEL EIKEI MARU
(ALSO OWNED BY NIPPON SUISAN) WHICH NOW ENROUTE TO
POSITION 57-51 NORTH, 137-18 WEST. EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR
DIVERSION OF EIKEI MARU TO KODIAK FOR THIS PURPOSE
ELICITED NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM HAKURYU MARU. HOWEVER,
WE UNDERSTAND MASTER OF ASO MARU ATTEMPTING DIRECT
CONTACT WITH OWNER FOR DIVERSION EIKEI MARU FOR PURPOSES
OF RESUPPLYING STORES AND TRANSFER OF CATCH IN PRESENCE
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OF RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

3. REQUEST YOU EXPLORE WITH JFA POSSIBILITY OF OWNERS
DIVERTING EIKEI MARU FOR PURPOSES INDICATED SINCE IT
WOULD EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION AND TRANSFER OF VESSEL.
NEED RESPONSE ASAP. RUSH

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